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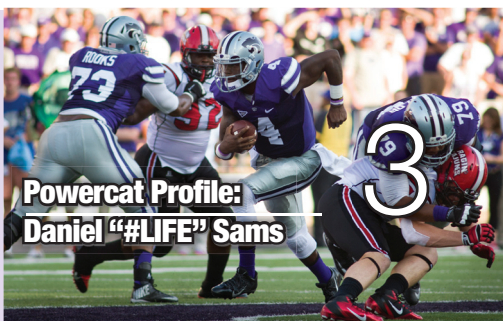
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Number of wins for Texas against top 25 teams in its last 21 attempts
Times have been tough for the folks in Austin. During the 2010 season, Texas was unable to go to a bowl game for the first time in Mack Brown's 15-year coaching tenure. The Longhorns have tallied a 22-16 record over the last three seasons. A winning record might be successful for some, but the three past seasons have been seasons to forget for the Texas faithful, a group that is accustomed to championship caliber seasons. To put the recent numbers in even greater perspective, the Longhorns were 11-3 against the Top 25 in the 14 games prior to the 21 just mentioned.

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Number of positional starters that have returned for the Longhorns this season
The recent struggles don't coincide with the numbers, but there is plenty of talent on the Texas roster. In total, 10 of those starters fall on the offensive side. 51 lettermen also return for this season's team. Junior linebacker Jordan Hicks leads the defense with at least nine tackles in the first three games.

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K-State's national rank in average punt return yards
Special teams and K-State football have been synonymous throughout Bill Snyder's tenure. Things haven't changed for the Wildcats this season as they've averaged 31.7 yards a return through three games. The success on special teams has also correlated with wins for the program. Since 1990, K-State is 49-15 after scoring on special teams. No team has had more consecutive seasons with at least one kickoff return for a touchdown. The Wildcats hold the top spot at nine seasons.

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The number of wins for K-State against Texas
No team in the Big 12 has had greater success against Texas. The Wildcats have also won five consecutive games against the Longhorns. K-State is the only team in the Big 12 who has a winning record against Texas. Since the Big 12 began, the Wildcats hold a 7-2 record in the series as well as a 3-1 record in Austin. K-State hopes their success against the Longhorns will correlate to opening the Big 12 campaign with a victory. The Wildcats are just 8-8 in conference openers.

K-State Wildcats talented enough to defend Big 12 title



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Senior linebacker **Tre Walker** holds up the family sign as the team gets pumped up to rush the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday.

John Zetmeir
assistant sports editor

When K-State concluded conference play last season, the team was hoisting up the Big 12 trophy. The Wildcats defeated Texas 44-24 on Dec. 1, but K-State is just 2-2 since. Over the past two seasons, the Wildcats have only lost three conference games. Yes, players like Collin Klein and Arthur Brown are gone, but K-State still has plenty of talent left from last year's team.
"Last year was last year, and the dynamics are so different every year," head coach Bill Snyder said. "What you did in the past has no bearing on the future. It is still a game at a time, a snap at a time. I think our young guys are anxious to get started in conference play. I think, for me, hopefully for them, it enhances their enthusiasm about improving their play as well."
The Wildcats were projected to finish sixth in the Big 12 this season. Of the five teams picked ahead of them, four started in the top 25. As it stands now, there are

still four teams in the top 25. However it is not the same four as only three weeks ago.
No. 11 Oklahoma State still remains the Big 12 favorite as they are the highest ranked Big 12 team in the country. Following close behind the Cowboys are the No. 14 Oklahoma Sooners who have looked good in their first three games. No. 20 Baylor and No. 25 Texas Tech started the season unranked but have impressed voters early.
Through two games, Baylor has the highest scoring offense in the country averaging 69.5 points per game. The Red Raiders have been the early season surprise. Under first year head coach Kliff Kingsbury, the Red Raiders are 3-0 and coming off of an impressive win over TCU.
K-State opens their Big 12 season with a 2-1 record as they hit the road to face the Longhorns. Texas started the season as a favorite in the Big 12 and ranked No. 15 in the country. Since then, the Longhorns have dropped two of their first three games and look

all but stable. Despite the early hiccup against North Dakota State, the Wildcats realize that they get a fresh start in conference play.
"Well we are always amped up when we start conference play; it always means a little more," junior center BJ Finney said. "The thing that is nice is we get to wipe the slate; it is a clean start. Every game gets a little more important from here on out. Just trying to make strides to improve every day and make sure that the progress is showing is what we are going for."
K-State does not have an easy schedule to start their Big 12 season. The Wildcats must travel to Austin, Texas and play in front of the largest crowd in the Big 12 to start their conference season. Players like Finney and senior safety Ty Zimmerman know what it's like to play in front of 100,000 fans at Texas Memorial Stadium, but for a lot of the younger players, this experience will be a new one.
"We've got some guys here who have been there and been through the rigors of the Big 12 so they will

help the young guys out," junior quarterback Jake Waters said.
Following the Texas game, the Wildcats will have a bye-week before facing Oklahoma State on the road and Baylor at home. This will not be an easy start to conference play for the Wildcats, but they will have to hit the ground running if they hope to repeat as Big 12 champions.
Through their first three games, the Wildcats showed that they have the potential to be a dangerous team in this conference when they are focused. Almost the entire offense returned from the 2012 campaign, but there are a few new pieces to the puzzle. Those pieces include quarterbacks Jake Waters and Daniel Sams. The two competed for the starting spot since last spring, but it is now clear that Snyder intends to play them both.
If the Wildcats find a fluid rotation between the two playmakers, K-State could definitely show in Big 12 play that they aren't the same team that lost their season opener to an FCS opponent.

Game Preview: K-State Wildcats vs. Texas Longhorns

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

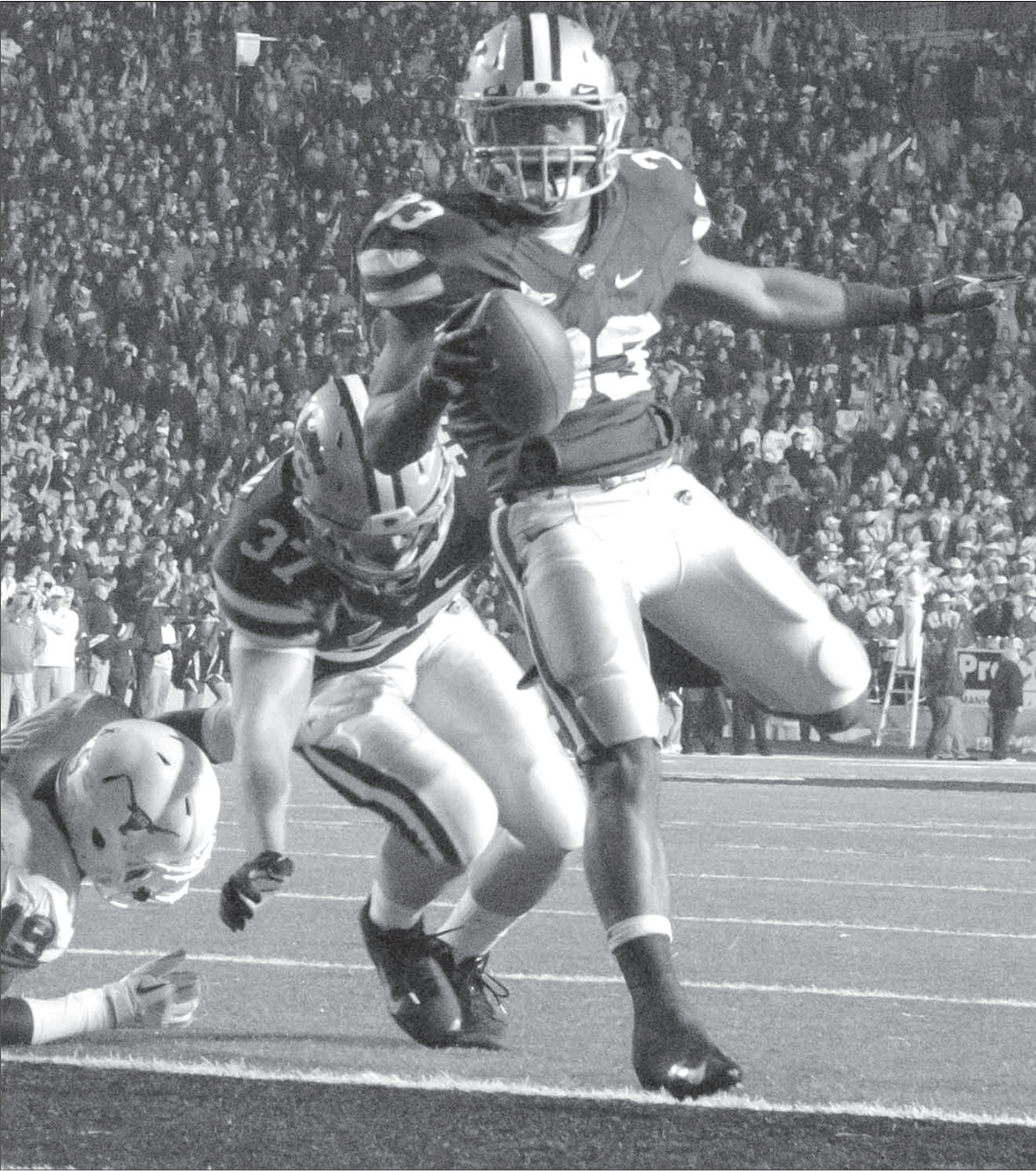
K-State clinched last season's Big 12 Championship with a win against Texas to wrap up the regular season. Now, the Wildcats have the opportunity to open up conference play on Saturday in Austin, Texas against the Longhorns to begin their title defense.
K-State head coach Bill Snyder said he hopes his players are excited for opening up conference play, but he wants their focus fixed on improving as they move forward.
"Last year was last year, and the dynamics are so different every year. What you did in the past has no bearing on the future," Snyder said. "It is still a game at a time, a snap at a time. I think, for me, hopefully for them, it enhances their enthusiasm about improving their play as well. We have to be careful and do not get caught off on who you are playing. Instead, we need to focus on ourselves."
The Longhorns enter the game with consecutive losses to BYU and Ole Miss after opening the season with a 49-point win against New Mexico State.
Stopping the run has been the biggest issue in the Longhorns' two losses. BYU dominated the ground against the Longhorns, totaling 550 rushing yards on 72 attempts en route to a 40-21 win.
Sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams said he got excited watching tape of Taysom Hill, BYU's sophomore quarterback who gashed the Longhorns for 259 yards on the ground, but said he can't get "too excited."
"[I'm] not saying what BYU did was a fluke; but I am sure they are prepared more against what we do than what happened against BYU," Sams, who leads K-State with 7.5 yards per carry, said. "Like I said, I am just ready for whatever comes. That stage itself and the spot that me and my teammates are at right now, we just have to



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Senior running back **John Hubert** lifts his feet out of the grasp of UMass defensive back **Joe Colton** last Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

We Own Texas: Historical outlook on Texas series



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K-State then-junior running back John Hubert runs for a touchdown against the Texas Longhorns on Dec. 1, 2012. Hubert, now a senior, had 66 yards and three touchdowns in the 42-24 win.



Since 2004, the Texas Longhorns have won a BCS national championship, appeared in another one, won two Big 12 titles, seven bowl games and 92 games. But in that span, they haven't beaten the K-State Wildcats. You have to go back to the 2003 season to find a time when the Longhorns upended the Wildcats.

In that game, then-Texas quarterback Vince Young led the Longhorns to a 24-20 win in Austin, Texas. Ell Roberson was still the quarterback for K-State and Darren Sproles, who had 128 yards in the game, was still carrying the load. Since then, K-State is 5-0 against Texas. Guys like Colt McCoy, Brian Orakpo, Jamaal Charles, Jermichael Finley and David Ash have been unable to overcome Bill Snyder's Wildcats. Mack Brown, the head coach at Texas who is squarely on the hot seat after a 1-2 start this season, is just 2-7 against K-State since taking the job with the Longhorns in 1998. What's eye-popping about the Wildcats five game win streak

against Texas though is that three of the five games have been blowouts. In the three games played since 2010, K-State is averaging 32.7 points per game against the Longhorns while Texas is averaging just 17 against the Wildcats. In 2007, 2010 and 2012 the Wildcats bested the Longhorns by scores of 41-21, 39-14 and 42-24 respectively. Arguably the best of those three wins came last year, when K-State sealed up a Big 12 championship with a home win over the Longhorns that sent the fans onto the field. The streak got started in 2006 when Ron Prince, then in his first year as head coach at K-State, beat then-third ranked Texas 45-42.

In that game, quarterback Josh Freeman had three touchdown passes on 269 yards passing. Two of those touchdowns and 123 of those yards went to wideout Yamon Figurs. That win, along with the 2007 win over the Longhorns in which Jordy Nelson had 116 yards receiving and two total touchdowns, ended up being far and away the best win of Prince's three-year tenure in Manhattan. Overall, the Longhorns have struggled against K-State more than almost any other team in college football. Among teams that have faced the Longhorns at least 10 times, the Wildcats are one of just three teams to have a winning

percentage above .600 against the Longhorns. Vanderbilt and Notre Dame are the only other two teams to accomplish that feat. Simply put, the Longhorns have historically struggled against K-State. Head coach Bill Snyder knows that discipline and quality coaching beats out five-star talent, and he's found a way to do it time and time again for the Wildcats. Now as Texas is reeling from a 1-2 start this season, the Wildcats will start its Big 12 title defense against a team that is pretty used to leaving the field as the losers after facing K-State.

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PREVIEW | Wildcats look to take advantage of vulnerable Texas defense

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prove ourselves, and I cannot wait for that to happen." Texas head coach Mack Brown fired defensive coordinator Manny Diaz after losing to BYU, replacing him with Greg Robinson. Robinson served as a defensive coordinator on two Super Bowl winning teams as well as the 2004 Texas team known for winning the Rose Bowl against

USC. After a week with Robinson controlling the defense, the Longhorns showed a slight improvement against the Rebels, allowing 272 yards on the ground – nearly half as much as BYU – as well as 177 yards through the air. The result was worse, however, as the Longhorns lost at home by 21 points to the Rebels. "Greg is a very fine football coach," Snyder said. "I'm sure there will be some changes,

but I don't know exactly what they are." Snyder added he thinks the Longhorns' defense should take a bigger step forward in Robinson's second week in control. "Last week, just guess work on my part, it was tough for Greg because he was not totally invested in all the terminology and what goes along with it, so that made it difficult for him to call the ballgame like he would have liked to,"

Snyder said. "I think that he has had this period of time, two weeks now, to invest himself in understanding all the terminology, and I think you will see improvement just because of that." The Longhorns' offense is up tempo and made up of a young core of dynamic athletes. So far, they are averaging more than 490 yards of total offense a game that breaks down into 288.3 yards passing and 205 yards rushing per

game. "I think that, number one, is just getting yourself lined up then be able to make adjustments when they have movement," Snyder said of the challenges the Longhorns' offense brings. "Texas is playing a far greater rate of speed than they ever have before. You go back and look at their spring game and they are snapping the ball at times during the spring game nine, 10, 11 seconds between when the ball is blown

dead to when they snap it. That is extremely fast. The fast teams don't even go that fast." Quarterbacking the Longhorns will either be Case McCoy or David Ash. McCoy started in place of Ash, who was injured, against the Ole Miss, completing 24-of-36 for 196 yards and a touchdown against the Rebels. Ash was listed as questionable during the week of practice leading up to Saturday's game.

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Whenever K-State sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams enters the game, he said he wants to send a strong message that he's in there to provide a spark and make a difference.

"I like to think of it that way as far as sending a message. I would say don't forget about me," Sams said. "It's my job to make plays and make positive things happen for this offense."

So far this season, Sams' impact in head coach Bill Snyder's two-quarterback system has been nothing but positive.

Snyder uses junior quarterback Jake Waters as the primary passer at quarterback, while Sams comes in more times than not to run the ball. Entering the Wildcats Saturday night matchup against the Texas Longhorns, Sams is second in the Big 12 in yards per carry with 7.5, trailing only Baylor junior running back Lache Seastrunk.

"I like the way it is going right now," Sams said of the two-quarterback system. "We both get more time in there. We get to find our confidence and just let the game come to us."

Waters said he concurs with Sams and believes that Snyder has a great grasp of when to plug in either himself or Sams into the game.

"He has been pushing all of the right buttons so far with us," Waters said. "We are ready every play whether he is calling my number or Daniel's number. Coach Snyder knows what it takes to win and we are all for it."

It was announced on the Monday prior to the Wildcats season opener that Waters had won the quarterback battle in fall camp. However, Sams said he figured it out much earlier.

"I actually knew probably a week into camp," Sams said.

Despite losing the starting job, Sams was told by Snyder that he would still see the field, so the Louisiana native kept his drive up during training camp.

"I still never lost focus because Coach Snyder stated that we both would play, even though he's the starter," Sams said.

In K-State's Week 1 loss to FCS champion North Dakota State, Sams saw the field for just one play. However, that one snap in the third quarter turned into a 17 yard touchdown which gave the Wildcats a 14-point lead.

Sams said that he was the one who went up to Snyder and suggested he be plugged into the game.

"I actually told Coach Snyder before that play with the touch-

down, I told him, 'Coach, I can get this first down, I can make it happen,' and he trusted me, and that's when I scored," Sams said.

Despite scoring on his only play of the game, Sams said that he didn't ask Snyder to be put back in the rest of the game.

"I didn't approach him again because I didn't want to seem like a selfish player," Sams said.

Since that Week 1 loss though, Sams has seen the field exponentially more. In Week 2 against Louisiana, he carried the ball eight times and threw it twice for 90 total yards. Then last week against UMass, Sams racked up 11 carries and two more passes for 89 total yards.

Where Sams could really make an impact though is this week against Texas. The Longhorns rank 121 out of 123 FBS teams in rush defense this season. In Week 2 against BYU, Texas gave up 550 yards on the ground including 259 yards to sophomore quarterback Taysom Hill.

Sams could have a similar impact in Austin as the Wildcats open up Big 12 play, although he aware that the Longhorns could be expecting Sams to play more as well.

"I get excited, but at the same time, Texas knows what we do as a team," Sams said. "They know we are running

the quarterback run game, so I don't really get too excited. Not saying what BYU did was a fluke, but I am sure they are prepared more against what we do than what happened against BYU."

Snyder said that while Sams is sure to see the field against Texas, how the Longhorns come out defensively will determine how much he uses either Waters or Sams.


"Daniel will play this week. I think that is quite obvious," Snyder said. "It hasn't changed week in and week out. There are certain things that you would like to be able to do, and you have a plan in place, but that will be dictated by the University of Texas as much as anything. Any opponent has the ability to take away what they want to take away and force you to do some other things."

Regardless, Sams said he is just excited to see the field under the bright lights of Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium, which holds over 100,000 people, on Saturday night.

"I tweeted about playing in front of 100,000 plus and that is the situation I thrive for, to be in that type of environment," Sams said. "This is what we worked for ever since camp and running those sprints. It is opening conference, so what gets better than that?"

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Head to Head: K-State vs.

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Sean Frye

There's a saying here at K-State that's grown in popularity over the past few years. It's called, "We own Texas." And there's good reason why K-State students and fans say that. Primarily, it's because the last time the Longhorns beat the Wildcats was back in 2003 when Vince Young was the Texas quarterback. In the two national title appearances the Longhorns have had since 2003, K-State wasn't on that season's schedule. Clearly Mack Brown doesn't have it in the cards to beat Bill Snyder.




Christian Corona

Jordan Hicks said it himself this week, "Kansas State has our number." But I think the fact that Texas got to two national title games without playing Kansas State is more indicative of the fact that the Wildcats haven't played many of the best Mack Brown-led Longhorns teams. Under Brown, Texas has had six teams lose two or fewer games, K-State hasn't beaten any of them, facing only one. Brown's five worst Texas teams, going by winning percentage, have all lost to K-State. That being said, this year's squad is obviously not one of Mack's best.



Sean Frye

Clearly this year's Texas team is not one of Brown's best. In fact, this team is the one that's going to get him justifiably fired. And the biggest weakness for the Longhorns, their rush defense, is surely what Snyder will attack with his two-quarterback system of Jake Waters and Daniel Sams. Sams is actually second in the Big 12 in yards per carry at 7.5. And against BYU, the Longhorns gave up 550 yards on the ground, including nearly 300 to quarterback Taysom Hill. Expect Waters to spread the weak defense out with his strikes through the air, then Sams to have a field day on the ground.



Christian Corona

Jake Waters and Daniel Sams are dangerous players but have yet to face decent competition this year. Texas has played solid squads in BYU and Ole Miss while Kansas State has beaten up on weaker teams the last two weeks, losing to an FCS team the week before that. The Longhorns admitted that new defensive coordinator Greg Robinson didn't have nearly enough time to install everything he wanted to install last week. Texas knows it's going to see a lot of zone read and will be much better prepared for it than it's been the last two weeks.



Sean Frye

Waters and Sams certainly are dangerous players, much more so than David Ash. Ash is the laughing stock of the Big 12. He's proven time and time again that he cannot handle the pressure of college football at the BCS level. That's why I was shocked when Brown instituted the no-huddle system in the offseason. Ash has had trouble with his decision-making in the past, so it's a tall order to ask him to make rapid-fire decisions, in quick succession, throughout the course of a game.



Christian Corona

Texas is having problems on defense but it's unfair to blame David Ash for any of the Longhorns' issues. I don't think anyone worthy of being considered the laughing stock of the Big 12 would be able to lead fourth-quarter comebacks on the road against Oklahoma State or in the Alamo Bowl against Oregon State, much less help Texas put up 66 points in Oxford last year. The Longhorns only managed 23 against Ole Miss with Case McCoy taking the snaps. Their chances to beat Kansas State dramatically improve if he can shake off this concussion and shoulder injury and suit up this Saturday.



Sean Frye

I will say that Ash has only faced K-State once in his career. Last year McCoy got the start in Manhattan. And even in 2011, McCoy and Ash both threw the ball 16 times. Although Ash had the far worse game in 2011 compared to McCoy in relative terms. In previous years, it's been K-State's defense that has shut down the Texas offense. But on Saturday night in front of a national audience, it'll be the dynamic offense of the Wildcats that simply outworks the Longhorns defense, which is reeling from two terrible showings. And come Sunday, fans in Austin will be shocked that a team that returned 19 starters from a nine-win team is sitting on a 1-3 record.

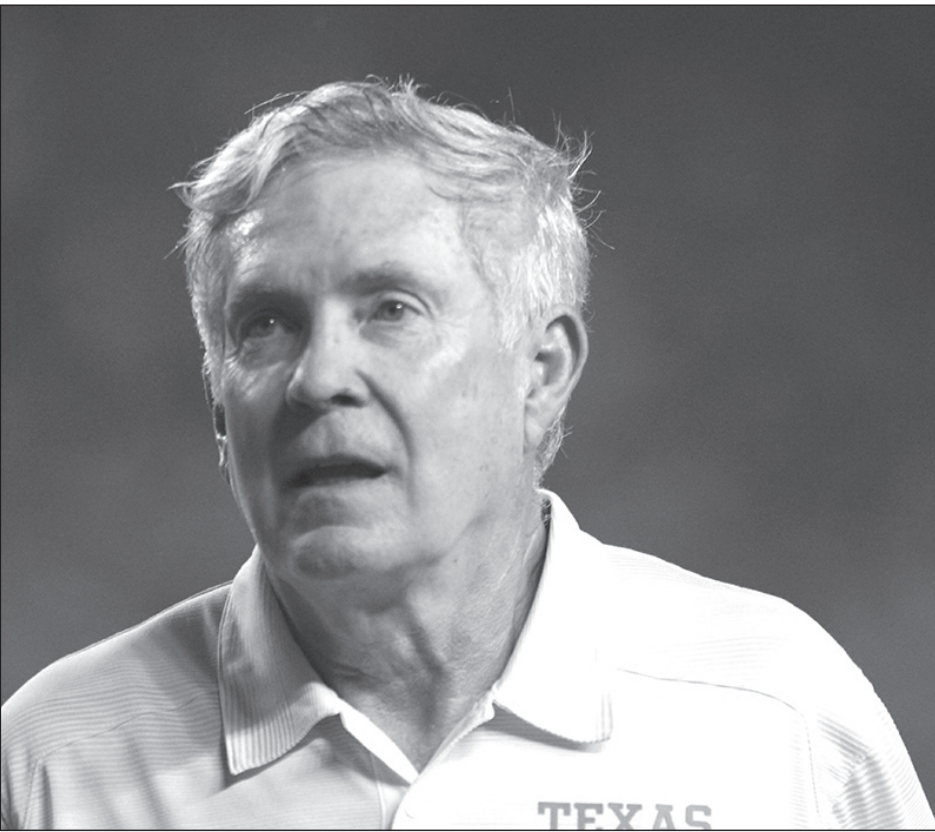


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McCoy threw for 314 yards and two scores in an inconsistent performance against K-State last year. He got no help from his running game in the second half last week against Ole Miss or from his defense in either half. If David Ash is healthy, expect him to play much better than he did as a true freshman two years ago. If McCoy gets the nod, expect him to get more help from a defense that is getting more used to its new coordinator and from a running game that is much better than it's shown this year. Texas won't win the Big 12 – a goal Mack Brown has so desperately emphasized this week – but it will beat K-State, 34-24.



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K-State head coach Bill Snyder looks on as his team plays Louisiana on Sept. 7, at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.



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Texas head coach Mack Brown during last week's loss to Ole Miss. A 1-2 start to the season led Brown to fire his defensive coordinator, but the brunt of the Longhorns' schedule is yet to come.

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Games of the Week: Week 4



K-State Wildcats vs. Texas Longhorns
7 p.m. CDT, ABC

The matchup between the K-State Wildcats and the Texas Longhorns should be a fun one to watch. The game pits a preseason middle-of-the-pack team in the Wildcats, who are coming off of two straight wins, against the Longhorns, a downtrodden team coming off two straight losses, who were picked as one of the favorites in the Big 12.

This will be the Wildcats' first true challenge of the season. The Longhorns will enter this weekend having already played one ranked team.

The Longhorns are looking to stop a two game losing streak on the season and a five game losing streak against the Wildcats. They are also playing their first game with new defensive coordinator Greg Robinson, a week after firing Manny Diaz after their lopsided loss at BYU.

The Longhorns will have to try to expose a Wildcat defense that has allowed only 1,000 total yards through three games.

K-State will need to have a big game on the ground in order to beat Texas. Out of 123 FBS schools, the Longhorns are ranked 121st in rushing defense, allowing 969 yards on the ground at nearly 309 yards a game.

Tennessee Volunteers vs. No. 19 Florida Gators
2:30 p.m. CDT CBS

This rivalry game might end up being a runaway for the Florida Gators as they play a Tennessee Volunteer squad that they haven't lost to since 2004.

The Gators are coming off a close loss two weeks ago at Miami. Sloppy play led to the loss and a week off might have been the best thing for the Gators coming into a game in which they are heavily favored.

The struggling Volunteers got more bad news when head coach Butch Jones announced that he had opened up the quarterback competition on Monday. Whenever a team opens up the competition the week before a key game, it signals a potential hazard.

Good news for the Volunteers? They can't do much worse than they did in the 59-14 thumping they took last week at Oregon.

If the Volunteers will have to stop the Gators to pull off the upset, to do so they will need to cause pressure and contain junior quarterback Jeff Driskel.

Michigan State Spartans vs. No. 22 Notre Dame Fighting Irish
2:30 p.m. CDT NBC

The Battle for the Megaphone Trophy may end up being one of the best games of the week. The rivalry between the Michigan State Spartans and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish is a long one, with Notre Dame currently holding the trophy.

After a loss two weeks ago against Michigan and a shaky win last week over Purdue, a game in which they needed three straight touchdowns to win, this week might be the straw that breaks the Irish's back.

The Spartans are sporting the nation's top rated total defense, allowing just 177 yards per game, albeit against subpar competition. They are going to have to prove how talented they are against the Notre Dame's phenomenal passing game.

Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees has 969 passing yards on the season. Rees will have to put his passing skills on display in order for Notre Dame to make it through the lockdown defense of the Spartans.

This game has upset alert written all over it.



No. 23 Arizona State Sun Devils vs. No. 5 Stanford Cardinal
6 p.m. CDT FOX

Put the remote down, because the Sun Devils are headed to Stanford Stadium to take on a hot Cardinal team in one of the best matchups of the week, and the only game featuring two ranked teams. The Cardinal have won their last 10 ball games with their last loss coming in an overtime loss to Notre Dame last October. Since that loss they have beaten Oregon in overtime, topped UCLA twice and grabbed a Rose Bowl win over Wisconsin.

Coming off of a hard fought win against Wisconsin last week, the Sun Devils are looking to play the role of party crashers. To pull the upset, they will have to rely on their tough defense that has allowed just 608 total yards in two games this season.

With neither team sporting a high-powered offense, but both having strong defenses, look for a close, low-scoring affair.

Auburn Tigers vs. No. 6 LSU Tigers
6:45 p.m. CDT ESPN

This matchup, as far-fetched as it might seem, could end in an upset as Auburn invades LSU's "Death Valley" in Baton Rouge, La.

In order for Auburn to get the upset, junior quarterback Nick Marshall will need to have a career game against a team that is ranked tenth in the nation in total defense, allowing only 267.7 yards per game. The Auburn defense is going to have to hold up against one of the best offenses in the country as LSU is racking up 488 yards per game.

LSU senior quarterback Zach Mettenberger is on track to throw for well over 3,000 yards this season, averaging over 265 yards per game. This game, like the rest of the season, rests on his shoulders for the Bayou Bengals.

LSU will have to have a meltdown to lose this game with the help of one of the most hostile environments in college football.

Purdue Boilermakers vs. No. 24 Wisconsin Badgers
2:30 p.m. CDT ABC

The matchup between the Purdue Boilermakers and the Wisconsin Badgers could shed some light on the true makeup of the both teams.

The Badgers are coming off their first loss of the season against Arizona State. That game was their first real test after shutting out two traditionally noncompetitive teams in UMass and FCS opponent Tennessee Tech.

The Boilermakers, on the other hand, have lost two of their first three games. The first loss was a blowout against to Cincinnati. Last week they lost in a close game against Notre Dame. They are going to have to bounce back in a big way in order win against a high-ranked Badger team.

The Badgers are will rely on sophomore running back Melvin Gordon, who has rushed for 477 yards through three games, to carry the load against the Boilermakers.

This game looks to be a hard fought game that will be won or lost in the trenches. The team that controls the line of scrimmage the longest should come out the victor.

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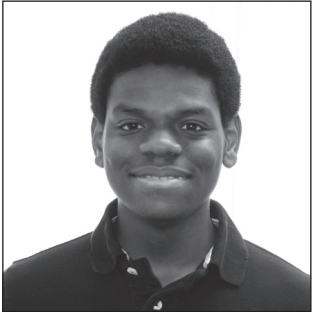
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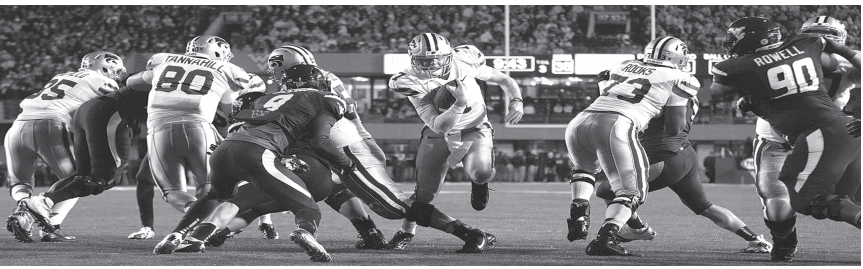
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Heisman Watch: Week 4



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Oregon Ducks sophomore quarterback **Marcus Mariota** warms up on the field prior to kickoff in Week 1. Mariota has proven to be one of the best quarterbacks in the country this season.



Corbin McGuire

Week three of college football showed Heisman voters a few things. First, losses aren't always devastating to a player's Heisman chances. Second, sitting out a week for an injury unfortunately doesn't work for the player's benefit – especially when the backup produces at a high level, i.e., Braxton Miller. Finally, putting up 59 points in back-to-back weeks against BCS conference schools is a ticket into the Heisman conversation.

Here is how my Heisman list sits as we enter week four of college football.

1. Tajh Boyd (QB, Clemson) – Boyd still has the key win against No. 9 Georgia to bolster. He also has a couple other things going for him. He

doesn't play in the SEC, but gets a strong sample of the conference with the win over Georgia and a season-ending matchup with South Carolina on the road. He also gets the ACC's next toughest team, Florida State, at home. This was written before the Tigers' game at North Carolina State on Thursday, which was a game Boyd should win. Or watch his Heisman dreams slip away.

2. Marcus Mariota (QB, Oregon) – When Mariota accounted for nearly 350 yards of offense and three touchdowns in the Ducks' 66-3 win over Nicholls State, I dismissed it as a good game against a much weaker opponent. When the sophomore combined for more than 320 yards and another three touchdowns in the Ducks' 59-10 win over Virginia, it caught my attention. But it's still Virginia, a school I will forever negatively connect with Ron Prince. When Mariota broke out against Tennessee, I couldn't rationally think of any reasons to exclude him from my list. Mariota nearly matched his six touchdowns entering

the Ducks' game against the Volunteers with five more in their 59-14 win. Exploiting the Volunteers' pass defense, Mariota completed 23 of 33 pass attempts for 456 yards and four touchdowns. If the Ducks continue at this offensive pace, Mariota needs just to stay healthy to get an invite to New York for the Heisman presentation in December. A road matchup with No. 5 Stanford probably is the Ducks' most dangerous game, and a win could swing some votes Mariota's way.

3. A.J. McCarron (QB, Alabama) – McCarron flipped the script on Johnny Manziel, beating Texas A&M at home behind a 20 of 29, 334 yard passing performance with no interceptions. The win puts Alabama in a comfortable driving seat toward a third BCS National Championship in a row. It also gave McCarron a platform game – both in terms of the opponent and statistics – to stand on for a look at the Heisman. Odds are, however, McCarron and the Crimson Tide won't get in another

shootout like their 49-42 win over the Aggies, which may hold back his individual accomplishments. While the senior probably won't throw for 300 yards every game for the rest of the season – Alabama is very balanced in its offensive attack – he has a track record of taking care of the football after throwing only three interceptions on 314 passing attempts in 2012. McCarron's few true tests remaining include home games against No. 21 Ole Miss on Sept. 28 and No. 6 LSU Nov. 16 and the SEC Championship game, assuming the Crimson Tide win the SEC West.

4. Johnny Manziel (QB, Texas A&M) – Johnny "Football" couldn't quite repeat last year's performance against No. 1 Alabama, at least in terms of winning. Manziel carried the Aggies with 464 yards passing including five touchdowns and two interceptions – Alabama returned one 73 yards for a touchdown. He also ran for 98 yards and would have only needed a little help from the Aggies' defense, which gave up more than 550 yards of total

offense, to get the win. Manziel won the Heisman last year with two losses; so to say he's out of the running after the Aggies' first loss is foolish. The Aggies will need to pick up wins on the road against No. 21 Ole Miss and No. 6 LSU – and probably a loss from Alabama – to move Manziel back up the Heisman ladder.

5. Todd Gurley (RB, Georgia) – Two games in, Gurley ranks No. 6 in the NCAA with 143 rushing yards per game. He nearly ruined Clem-

son quarterback Tajh Boyd's Heisman hopes in week one with a 154 yard, two touchdown outing against the Tigers. The Bulldogs fell to the Tigers 38-35, but Gurley bounced back with 132 rushing yards in a 41-30 win over No. 12 South Carolina. The sophomore is poised for a breakout game Saturday against North Texas, who is giving up more than 435 yards per game this season.

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